

CANDELABRUM IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

BUILDING NEAR DANGEROUS MANUFACTORIES.
SUGDEN AND BOULANGER.

THE following version of this case has been forwarded by Mr. Sugden.

"In the year 1843 the street in question, called Alice-street, was laid out by the freeholder, and opened as a thoroughfare, and was what is technically called a shoot; thus the ground became considerably raised. In 1844 part of the ground was let; upon which the person taking the same built four houses, which were entirely finished and occupied the same year; also previous to the operation of the new Buildings Act three other houses were built at the other corners of the street, and the foundations of five other houses laid in the intermediate space: this was done by the freeholder under the direction of his surveyor in 1845 and the beginning of 1846. Four other houses were built and finished in the intermediate space. Thus six different builders had erected eleven houses in the same street before I took a foot of the ground or laid a brick on it. Between June and September last I erected four houses, also in the intermediate space. Before

commencement, I gave the district surveyor the necessary notice, and also inquired of him if there would be any question about the width of the street; and the district surveyor told me that there would be no question, as it was an already formed street. Between the end of the four houses which I erected and the ones built at the other corner of the street, there then remained ground sufficient to hold twelve houses more. Some friends of mine desired to take the whole of the remaining ground, and build the twelve houses through the funds of a building society; they applied to me for advice and assistance, and I recommended that, as these houses would come within ten or eleven feet of Mr. Boulanger's premises, that the whole matter had better be laid before the district surveyor. Consequently, it was arranged that I should give notice to the district surveyor that the twelve houses were about to be erected, and also to ask him to come down and see the situation, and explain the matter to him, that there might be no misunderstanding or question hereafter. The district surveyor came down to see the foundations, which were just being laid, and then, in the presence of a respectable witness appointed for the occasion,

I put the following questions: Is there any thing in the new Buildings Act that will prevent the erection of these houses so near to Mr. Boulanger's premises, as he has got an agreement for fourteen years, and his house cannot be pulled down till he leaves it? The district surveyor said, "as you have got room for a scavenger's cart, the provisions of the Act will not be infringed; you are perfectly right under this authority." The houses were erected, thinking, of course, that all was right; but to my great surprise on Monday, the 12th inst., I received three summonses to appear at the Southwark Police-court to answer the complaint of Mr. Boulanger, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when he endeavoured to prove that he carries on a dangerous business within the meaning of the Act, and that I had become liable for a penalty not exceeding 50*l.* a day for every day that each of those houses remains so near to such dangerous business.

The case was referred to the quarter sessions to be tried by a jury. Allow me to state, that I have no reference to Mr. Boulanger himself, for I have always found him open and candid, and especially when he told me in the presence of a gentleman, that he had had 400*l.* offered him in cash, and an indemnification from all costs, by certain parties, if he would allow them to bring an action to his name against myself and all parties concerned. Your insertion of the above in your journal for Saturday next will oblige, Sir, yours very respectfully,

JAMES SUGDEN.

Bermondsey New-road, April 23, 1847.

PICTURES PURCHASED BY THE ART-UNION OF LONDON.

THE following is a list of the principal works of art selected by the prizeholders up to the time of our going to press:—"The Vase of Clwyd," by J. W. Allen, 300*l.*; "The Invention of the Stocking Loom," by A. Elmore, A.R.A., 210*l.*; "The Deserters' Home," by R. Redgrave, A.R.A., 168*l.*; "Harvest Home in the Good Old Times," by H. M. Anthon, 150*l.*; "Peter Denying Christ," by J. H. Wheelwright, 150*l.*; "View from a Deserted Rock Quarry," by J. Tennant, 100*l.*; "Refreshment the Weary," by R. Hamnash, 200*l.*; "Clearing Fallen Timber in the Wood of Buckhurst," by H. Jutsum, 70*l.*; "Scenery of the Wye," by J. Tennant, 12*l.*; "A Summer's Evening in North Wales," by H. J. Boddington, 105*l.*; "A Welsh Mill," by H. J. Boddington, 84*l.*; "A Scene in the Dolwyddelan Valley," by E. Hassell, 73*l.* 10*s.*; "On the Gulf of Spezzia," by G. E. Hering, 70*l.*; "The Wayside—Evening," by W. Shayer, 105*l.*; "Tired Travellers," by W. Shayer, 6*l.* 5*s.*; "Toilet Mornings," by S. A. Herr, R.A., 70*l.*; "The Necker, Heidelberg," by T. M. Richardson, jun., 73*l.* 10*s.*; "Salmon Trap, North Wales," by J. Wilson, 60*l.*; "Hop picking," by H. Stewart, 60*l.*; "An English Pastoral," by J. Wilson, jun., 60*l.*; "Distant View of Purbeck," by J. Tennant, 63*l.*; "The Sherr Dealer," by A. Cooper, R.A., 52*l.* 10*s.*; "Scene and effect from memory," by J. Tennant, 52*l.* 10*s.*; "Beagles," by C. Josi, 50*l.*; "Coast of Calabria from Salerno," by E. W. Cooke, 63*l.*; "A Pastoral," by A. J. Wootmer, 47*l.* 5*s.*; "On the margin of fair Zurich a waters," by J. B. Pyne, 50*l.*; "Prosperity," by O. Oakley, 47*l.* 5*s.*; "View from Strong Cross, new Forest," by W. Strayer, 50*l.*; "The Mill ford," by A. Montague, 42*l.*; "On the Cad, Bickleigh Vale, Devonshire," by W. Williams, 50*l.*; "Gnatfell Glen, Rossie, Isle of Arran," by T. M. Richardson, jun., 6*l.* 5*s.*

AMENDMENT OF THE BUILDINGS BILL.

LORD MORPETH has brought in a Bill for further amending the Act for regulating the construction and use of buildings in the metropolis. His lordship said, on moving for leave to do so, that it had been intended to introduce a comprehensive measure of amendment, but the period of the session was too far advanced for such a course, and the present Bill, therefore, had been framed with a view to the remedy of the most striking grievances complained of. The bill is now before us, and will have our immediate attention. It contains twenty-eight clauses and two schedules.